

QUESTION  
IS LEFT TO  
THE COURT

As to the Tenure of City Offi-  
cials in New Countries

TO DECIDE THIS MONTH

Mayor Ross and His Position

Guthrie. O. T. March 8.—The matter of holding the spring election in Lawton has reached the attorney general's office. Charles Mitchell, of Lawton, was in the city yesterday acting as the representative of Mayor L. P. Ross. Under the interpretation of the election law as stated by attorneys, the election held in Lawton on October 26th last, was for the purpose of selecting city officials until the next regular election, which is in April next. Mayor Ross has held that, regardless of the fact that the first elec-

tion of Lawton was a special election, the city officials should hold over for two years. Acting upon his belief, he refused to issue the customary election proclamation. In Judge McAttee's court recently held at Lawton, Mayor Ross was remanded to issue the proclamation calling for the regular spring election, as the law interpreted by Attorney General Sprang and others states. Ross immediately appealed from the action of McAttee's court, and desires that the question

be settled in the supreme court on March 23. It was for this reason that the representative of Mr. Ross came to Guthrie, and it is the understanding now that the supreme court will take up the Lawton election affair and settle it on that date. If it should decide that Mayor Ross is right in his interpretation of the law, the election will be held in Lawton this spring, and the present city officials will hold their offices for two

years. In case the supreme court holds that the action of Associate Justice Mr. Ates is correct, Rose will be compelled to issue an election proclamation calling for a regular city election, as provided by law. The controversy has brought out considerable feeling in Lawton. People have taken sides in this matter, although it seems from a long distance view, that the majority of Lawton citizens believe

That the election should be held in April. The entire matter at the present time, however, rests with the supreme court.

**THINKS FLYNN SHOULD RUN.**

**Judge McAtee Pronounced in His Political Opinions.**

Lawton, O. T., March 3.—During his stay in the city, Judge McAtee was asked to give the *Tribune* his opinion as to whether or not the election should be held in April.

"I have had very little time, on the midst of my judicial duties, to think of politics, but I think Mr. Fyfe ought to be nominated as a matter of course, and

that he is the strongest man whom the Republican party could nominate. The success of Mr. Flynn would be the securing of the homesteads for the people of Oklahoma showed his eminent fitness for congressional work. When the proposition for free homesteads was first floated in Oklahoma there were few who thought it could ever be accomplished and that during the years in which it was

"Flynn is now working for statehood which we want and need so much and his acquaintance in congress and his personal

granite popularity there makes him the chosen man of the territory who can accomplish it, if it can be accomplished.

"The Republican party ought not to think of changing candidates in the reelection of what Flynn has gotten done so recently, and of what remains to be done."

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**GRANITE'S LABOR TROUBLE**

**Hauler of Granits Strikes for Raise of 25c Per Day.**

Guthrie, G. T., March 1.—Granite hauler first day troubles Monday, announces the Enterprise. True, it was not a full grown strike, but it serves to show that we are just putting on metropolitan drive, says that paper.

A 16-year-old son of Contractor Reeves, who has been hauling granite from the

applies to the new bank building, requested a reduction in his wages from 10 to 7 cents per day and not only struck for a reinstatement at the old schedule but went one better and held out for a 12¢. A serious tie-up of one team resulted. The conduct of the striker was widely noted and the necessity of pulling out troops averted.

The contractor granted the worker's 6¢

**DETAILS OF LAWTON FIRE. . .**  
**Six Firms of New Town Suffer Very Heavy Loss.**  
Lawton, O. T., March 1.—Lawton's first fire occurred Friday morning. About 10:30 a. m. one of the Palace saloons on Broadway was discovered to be ablaze, and before the flames could be extinguished nearly

centra much half of them it was to show. Three or four thousand people listened to the terrible destruction. Some of the people were moved, but no water was allowed to reach the houses and they were stayed only when the congregation reached a violent fit. The loss of life was heavy. Those who suffered were left alone, helpless, under the feet of the people who were passing by. The people were not allowed to enter the houses, but they were allowed to enter the houses of the people who were passing by. The people were not allowed to enter the houses, but they were allowed to enter the houses of the people who were passing by.

**BOY CAUGHT FOOT IN WHEEL.**  
A painful Accident Happens to Young  
Mar Near Chandler.

... and while some questioned a statement that happened one inch away were looking in hand of each other in some manner caught his foot on the wheel. The fact can be proved several hours are broken and the ...